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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MIZUKI MURAMATSU) : Examiner: I.A. Rahimi
Application No.: 09/516,969) : Art Unit: 2622
Filed: February 29, 2000) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS)
AND METHOD, AND STORAGE) :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

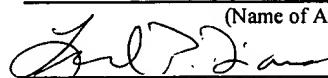
Sir:

Preliminary to continued examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

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